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INFORMATION ON FORCED LABOR IN BULGARIA AND RUMANIA

PRISONERS RELEASED OR TRANSFERRED FROM DANUBE CANAL PROJECT -- Athens, Le
Messager d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

Political prisoners over 60 years of age, who were released from work on the Danube Canal project, were sent to Constanta before they were freed. They had to sign a paper saying that they voluntarily decided not to return to Bucharest.

Most of the prisoners who worked on the Danube Canal project have been sent to Aiud.

NEW FORCED LABOR CAMP IN AIUD -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

In the well-known Aiud prison, three new plants and a workshop for the construction of launches have been set up. All workers are political prisoners.

INFORMATION ON BULGARIAN LABOR CAMPS -- Izmir, Anadolu, 15 Dec 53

Vienna, 14 December (Nafen) -- Living conditions are reported to be very bad in the Bulgarian prison camps located on some of the small islands in the Danube. The worst is said to be the Belene Camp, which contains 3,500 political prisoners. The Belene camp consists of five separate camps, two on islands and three on the north bank of the river.

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Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 15 Dec 53

The camps in the Dobrudzha area are said to be so full that they cannot accommodate any more prisoners. The police do not know where to send new political prisoners.

Prisoners are being tortured in some of the camps; one of these is the Kafalzedda camp /not identified; "ada" is Turkish for island/.

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